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RE: U.S. Application No. 08/940,686
First Named Inventor: Thomas L. Ritzdorf
Filing Date: September 30, 1997
Attorney Docket No. 29195-8192US

Transmitted herewith is the Petition for Extension of Time (one-month). Response to Office Action dated 10/6/2004 was filed on Monday, February 7, 2005.

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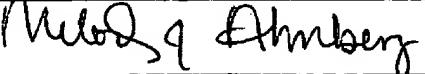
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		Filing Date	September 30, 1997
		First Named Inventor	Thomas L. Ritzdorf
		Art Unit	1742
		Examiner Name	William T. Leader
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	In re Application of Thomas L. Ritzdorf	
	Application Number 08/940,686	Filed 09/30/1997
	For SEMICONDUCTOR PLATING SYSTEM WORKPIECE SUPPORT HAVING WORKPIECE ENGAGING ELECTRODE WITH PRECONDITIONED CONTACT FACE	
	Group Art Unit 1742	Examiner William T. Leader

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
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